



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Father's Month

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads (HCD) is a group of individuals and public and private organizations that shares information about services to fathers, works to increase community awareness of the importance of fathers and supports public policies that promote nurturing, responsible fatherhood; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads (HCD) in partnership with the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood recognizes Father's Month in Hawai'i; acknowledging the vital role fathers play in their children's lives; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads (HCD) provides awareness about the fact that good fathering during a child's infancy, childhood and adolescence stages contributes to the development of the child's emotional security and has substantial positive psychological and economic benefits for the child, family and society; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads (HCD) affords knowledge about fathers who are actively involved in their children's lives helps contribute to their children's self-esteem, social skills, behavior and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads (HCD) bestows understanding that children of all ages whose fathers are interested in their children's education are more likely to enjoy school, have genuine friendships, receive good grades, participate in extracurricular activities and achieve career goals; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads will be sponsoring a "Celebrating Fathers" event at Windward Mall for Father's Month; free entertainment, effective parent-child interactive activities and educational materials for parents and children will be provided;

THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2011 as

"FATHER'S MONTH"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to support the efforts made by the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads and the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood in increasing awareness of the importance of fathers.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of May, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i